

His Maiesties Letter to

both Houses of PARLIAMENT.

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PROTESTATION

Against the PARLIAMENT in

ENGLAND.

AND ALSO AGAINST ALL

PROTESTANTS.

Made by the Rebels in IRELAND,

Which *Protestation* was read in the House  
of COMMONS, Jan. 20. 1641.

Whereunto is added the two Petitions of  
the Inhabitants of the County of *Essex*, one to the  
House of Peeres, Jan. 19. The other to the Com-  
mittee of the House of Commons sitting at  
Grocers-Hall, London.

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This Minutes Letter to

THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT

WITH A NEW

PROTESTATION

OF THE MEMBERS

OF ENGLAND

IN PARLIAMENT

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A Copie of a *Protestation* shewed to  
me by *Thomas Garreldin* of *Waterford* Mer-  
chant, about the 20. of *Decemb.* last, I be-  
ing with him and foure others appointed  
to watch at the Key-gate of the  
said City.

**T**Hat wheareas the Parliament of England, had  
taken away his Majesties Royall Power from  
him, and had left him but the name of a King,  
we his Highnesse Loyall Subjects of *Ireland*, doe pre-  
tend to spend our lives and Estates to maintaine his Ma-  
jesties said Royall Power and prerogative to him and  
his Royall Successours.

And whereas the said Parliament of England, hath  
used such cruelty to the poore Catholiques of Eng-  
land as hath not onely extended to the losse of their E-  
states, but some of their lives, and intended the like to  
vs (had not the Infinite goodnesse of G. O. D put it in-  
to our hearts to raise this warre for defence of our  
selves) we desire this should be published, that the  
world may take notice of our just cause: we had to take  
vp Armes and require all to be ayding and assisting to  
vs.

*Thomas Mauck.*



# To the Right Honourable the House of Peeres.

*The Humble Petition of sundry of the Knights, Gentlemen, and other Inhabitants of the County of Essex, in their owne Names, and in the behalfe of many others.*

*Most humbly sheweth,*



That we are truly sensible of, and dayly thankfull for your care, and paines, (w<sup>th</sup> the house of Commons) for the settling of the Church, and State, and that the reformation which is desired, be much retarded, and your endeavours in a great measure, made abortive, by the counsell, and practises, of the malignant Partie, of Prelates, and Popish Lords; yet your indefatigable labours, we with all thankfullnesse most humbly acknowledge, and yet we doe in all humillity represent to your most Honorable consideration, our remayning feares, and grievances arising from the delays of helpe to our Brethreu in *Ireland*, whereby they dayly lye under many inhumane villanies, and barbarous cruelties, the feares from the Tower of *London*, the magazine of the Kingdome, which is intrusted in unknowne hands, and with one whom we cannot confide, in the defect of the Armes of our Trained Bands, which were not long since taken away, where-

whereby a maritant County is in Part left unarmed the putting some of our Gentlemen, out of Commission for the Peace, because they would not serve the turne, of present times, the not execution of Priests, condemned by Law; whereby that party are growne insolent, seeing that Iustice against them is stopped, even in the time of Parliament, though they are Delinquents in the highest kind, the Prelates and Popish Lords still sitting, and Voting in your House, a thing as we conceive, most incompatible to the Office of the one, and no way fit to be allowed to the other: And lastly our feares, are from the vaperrelled breaches of the Liberties of Parliamant, which are the strength and safety of your body, and the inheritance of the Subject, all which doe cause such a decay of Clothing, and Farming the two trades of our County, whereby the multitudes of our People have lived, that we tremble to thinke what may follow thereupon.

Most humbly praying, that bleeding *Ireland*, may be speedily, and strongly relieved, the Tower of *London*, may be Committed, to safe hands, the Armor of Trained Bands repayred, and trusted with able and approved persons, that the County may be put into a posture of defence both by Land and by Sea, the Gentlemen which have beene (for their faithfullnesse) put out of Commission, may be restored, the condemned Priests executed, the Prelates and Popish Lords may be excluded - your house, the Privillidges of Parliament, may be fully assured, and the worthy Members of it, (who have beene in an unheard of, illegal way endan-

endangered) may be vindicated, and receive reparation.

*And your Petitioners doe resolve in all just and Honorable wayes, (according to our late Protestation) to maintaine the persons, and Priviledges, of this Honorable Parliament, with our lives, and estates, against the enemies of God, the King, the State, and humbly pray. &c.*

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To the Honourable  
Knights and Burgeses of the House  
of COMMONS in Parliament.

*The Humble Petition of the Knights,  
Gentlemen, Ministers, and other Inhabitants in the  
County of Essex.*

S H E W E T H,



Nto your Honourable House, that we are truly sensible of your great care, and extraordinary endeavours, to settle our Religion, and Peace, and daily give thanks to G O D Almighty for it; And we doe further in all humility present to your Honourable considerations, which we doe apprehend a great stop in Retormation of matters of Religion, and our selves together with you, and the whole Kingdome, to be in great danger of the Papists, and other ill-affected persons,



ions, who are every where very insolent, and are ready to act the parts of those cruell blood-suckers in *Ireland*, if they be not speedily prevented : by meanes whereof, our Trading, especially of Clothing, and Farming, grew a great pace, to so great a dampe, as many thousands are like to come to suddaine want. Nor can wee expect any redresse thereof, unlesse the Bishops and Popish Lords be removed out of the House of Peeres.

Therefore we humbly pray, that you would earnestly mediate his Majesty and the House of Peeres, That our Brethren in *Ireland*, may speedily be relieved, And the Papists throughout the Kingdome be disarmed, And that such defects of Armes, as in your discretions, shall appeare to be meet, may be supplied, and this County and Kingdome, put into such a Warlike posture, as may be best for its defence, and safety, and that the Bishops, and Popish Lords who as wee conceiue, have hindered the successe, of your godly Endeavours, may be put out of the House of Peeres, Not doubting but then our Petition formerly presented to your House, will receive a more full and speedy answer.

And your Petitioners resolving in all just and Honourable wayes, according to the late *Protestation*, to assist you, with our lives, and Estates, against the Enemies of GOD, the KING, and State, humbly pray to Almighty GOD, for your good successe.

His

His Majesties Letter to both Houses of Parliament, Jan. 20. 1641.

**H**is Majestie perceiving the manifold distractions which now are in this Kingdome, which cannot but bring great inconvenience, and mischief to this whole Government; In which, as his Majesty is most chiefly interested, so he holds himselfe by many reasons most obliged to doe what in him lyes, for the preventing thereof; Though he might justly expect (as most proper for the duty of Subjects) that propositions for the remedies of these Evils, ought rather to come to him, then from him; yet his fatherly care of all his people being such, That he will rather lay by any particular respect of his owne dignity, then that any time should be lost, for prevention of these threatning Evils, which cannot admit the delays of the ordinary proceedings in Parliament; Doth thinke fit to make these ensuing Propositions to both Houses of Parliament.

That they will with all speed fall into a serious consideration of all those particulars, which they shall hold necessary, as well for the upholding and maintaining of His MAJESTIES just and Regall Authority, and for the settling of his Revenue; As for the present and future establishing of their Priviledges, the free and quiet enjoying, of their Estates and Fortunes, the Liberties of their Persons, the Security of the true Religion, now professed in the Church of England and the Settling of Ceremonies in such a manner, as may take away all just offence: Which when they shall have digested, and composed into one entire body, that so His Majesty and themselves may be able to make the more clear judgement of the same: It shall then appeare by what his Majesty shall do, how farre he hath been from intending or designing any of those things, which the too great fears and jealousies of some persons seem to apprehend: and how ready he will be to equall and exceed the greatest examples of the most indulgent Princes in their Acts of Grace and Favour to their people.

So that if all these present distractions (which so apparantly threaten the ruine of this Kingdome) doe not (by the blessing of Almighty God) end in an happy and blessed Accommodation; His Majesty will then be ready to call Heaven and Earth, God and Man to witnesse, that it hath not failed on his part.

FINIS.





